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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this present application.

- (currently amended) <u>A Foil-foil</u> holder for fixing an electrical connector to a
 foil cable comprising at least one conductive line, the foil holder being configured such that a
 contact housing, which comprises at least one contact element for electrically contacting the
 conductive line, may be assembled on the foil holder such that the contact element abuts the
 conductive line in a contact region.
- (currently amended) The fFoil holder according to claim 1, eharacterised bycomprising at least one aperture, through which the conductive line may be contacted by the at least one contact element.
- (currently amended) The fFoil holder according to either elaim 1 or claim 2, eharacterised in that wherein the foil holder comprises two half-shells, between which the foil cable may be at least partially received.
- 4. (currently amended) The fFoil holder according to claim 3, eharacterised in that wherein the two half-shells of the foil holder are connected by a hinge connection, such that the two half-shells may be folded in order to fit together.
- (currently amended) The fFoil holder according to claim 4, eharacterised in thatwherein the hinge connection has an axis of rotation that extends in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the foil cable.
- 6. (currently amended) <u>An e</u>Electrical connector for electrically contacting a foil cable with at least one conductive line embedded in a foil, wherein the electrical connector comprises an insulating housing, which at least partially encloses the foil cable, and at least one contact element for electrically contacting the conductive line,

wherein the insulating housing comprises a contact housing, in which the at least one contact element is received, and a foil holder-according to any one-of-claims 1 to 5, which is separated therefrom.

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- (currently amended) The eElectrical connector according to claim 6,
 eharacterised in thatwherein the contact housing comprises at least one retaining clip, which at least partially engages the foil holder in a final, assembled position.
- 8. (currently amended) The eElectrical connector according to either claim 6-or elaim 7, characterised in that wherein the contact housing is configured such that it may be displaced, with respect to the foil holder, from a pre-assembled position into the final, assembled position, parallel to the a plane defined by the foil cable.
- 9. (currently amended) The eElectrical connector according to any-one of elaimsclaim 6 to 8, characterised in thatwherein at least one locking device is moulded onto the contact housing, and the locking device locks with the foil holder, in order to mechanically secure the contact housing in the final, assembled position on the foil holder.
- 10. (currently amended) The eElectrical connector according to any one of claims 6-toclaim 9, characterised in that wherein the contact element is constructed as a spring arm and, in the final, assembled position, the contact region may be pressed against the conductive line.
- 11. (currently amended) An electrical switch device having a switch module, which comprises at least one switch element arranged on a circuit board, wherein the switch module may be connected to a foil cable by means of an electrical connector, wherein the electrical connector comprises an insulating housing, which at least partially encloses the foil cable, and at least one contact element for electrically contacting the conductive line, wherein the insulating housing comprises a contact housing, in which the at least one contact element is received, and a foil holder, which is separated therefrom and wherein the contact housing is configured such that it may be displaced, with respect to the foil holder, from a pre-assembled position into the final, assembled position, parallel to a plane defined by the foil cablesecording to any one of claims 6 to 10.
- (currently amended) <u>The e</u>Electrical switch device according to claim 11, further comprising eheracterised in that two probes, which may be actuated by a rocker, [[are]] arranged on the circuit board.

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 (currently amended) <u>A mMethod</u> for assembling an electrical component on a foil cable, comprising the fellowing the steps of:

connecting a foil holder to the foil cable;

connecting the electrical component to a contact housing, which comprises at least one contact element for electrically contacting at least one conductive line of the foil cable;

assembling the contact housing on the foil holder.

14. (currently amended) <u>The mMethod according to claim 13</u>, eharneterised in that wherein the step of connecting the foil holder to the flexible flat conductor includes:

placing a first half-shell of the foil holder on the foil cable; and

connecting the first half-shell to a second half-shell, so that the foil cable is at least partially enclosed by the foil holder.

15. (currently amended) <u>The mMethod according to claim 14</u>, eharacterised in that wherein the step of connecting the two half-shells includes:

connecting the two half-shells by means of a hinge connection;

folding the second half-shell about an axis of rotation of the hinge connection, the axis of rotation extending in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the foil cable.

16. (currently amended) <u>The mMethod according to any one of claim 13 to 15</u>, eharacterised in that wherein the step of assembling the contact housing on the foil holder includes:

assembling the contact housing on the foil holder in a pre-assembled position;

displacing the contact housing in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the foil cable until the at least one contact element contacts the conductive line of the foil cable in a final, assembled position.

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17. (newly added) A foil holder for fixing an electrical connector to a foil cable having at least one conductive line, the foil holder comprising:

two half-shells, between which the foil cable may be at least partially received;

at least one aperture, through which the conductive line may be contacted by the at least one contact element:

assembly recesses located along sides of the two half shells for receiving, in a preassembled position, respective projections of a retaining clip formed on a contact housing of the electrical connector, the contact housing being movable from the pre-assembled position into the final, assembled position, in a direction parallel to a plane defined by the foil cable.

- 18. (newly added) The foil holder of claim 17, wherein the contact housing, which comprises at least one contact element for electrically contacting the conductive line, may be assembled on the foil holder such that the contact element abuts the conductive line in a contact region.
- 19. (newly added) The foil holder of claim 18, further comprising a hinge connection between the two half-shells, such that the two half-shells may be folded in order to fit together.
- (newly added) The foil holder of claim 19, wherein the hinge connection has an axis of rotation that extends in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the foil cable.